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OFFICE, THE NEW CAPITOL, ST. PAUL.

¶ The thirteenth annual meeting
of the Minnesota Library Asso-
ciation will be held at Red
Wing, October 12, 13 and 14.



Carnegie - Lawther Library.

TIME TABLE.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

	Going East	Going West
Arrive Red Wing	4:03 p.m.	1:41 p.m.
	8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
	Leave for	Arrive from
I. & M. Division		
Northfield, Faribault, Owatonna,	2:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

	Leave for	Arrive from
Northfield, Faribault, Mankato	4:40 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
Zumbrota, Rochester	10:45 a.m.	4:40 p.m.

For those coming via Minneapolis and St. Paul, the most comfortable train is the C. M. & St. P., leaving Minneapolis at 2:20, St. Paul at 3:00, and reaching Red Wing at 4:03 p. m.

A later train on this road leaves Minneapolis at 6:45, St. Paul at 7:20, and reaches Red Wing at 8:28 p. m.

On the Chicago Great Western Railway, the most convenient train leaves Minneapolis at 4:55 p. m., St. Paul at 5:27, and arrives in Red Wing at 7:23 p. m.

The headquarters of the Association will be the St. James Hotel, conveniently situated only two blocks from the station, and the same distance from the library. A special rate of \$1.50 per day will be given to those attending the meeting.

PROGRAM.

Thursday, October 12th, 8:30 p. m.

Welcome by Mr. W. F. Kunze, Vice-president of Red Wing Library Board.

President's Address—The Library as a Social Centre—Miss Gratia Countryman, Librarian Minneapolis Public Library.

Discussion led by G. G. S. Campbell of Alexandria, Mrs. Marie E. Brick, Librarian St. Cloud Public Library, and others.

Informal reception.

Friday, October 13th, 9 a. m.

Book selection—Mrs. Karen M. Jacobson, Assistant Librarian Minnesota Public Library Commission.

Discussion led by H. W. Wilson, Minneapolis.

County extension system—Mrs. Gertrude B. McPherson, Librarian Stillwater Public Library.

Discussion led by Miss Maude van Buren, Librarian Owatonna Public Library.

Popular advertising—Miss Jeannette B. Clarke, Librarian Winona Public Library.

2:30 p. m.

Story hour in the children's room—Miss Margaret Palmer, Librarian Rochester Public Library.

Reading (Uncle Remus stories)—Miss Eleanor J. Gladstone, Assistant Librarian Carleton College Library.

At 4 p. m. a visit to points of interest in Red Wing.

8:00 p. m.

Public meeting in the Auditorium.

Address—President Cyrus Northrop, University of Minnesota.

Saturday, October 14th, 9 a. m.

Question box.

Business meeting.

Election of officers.

The opening discussion on the library as a social center will give the key-note of the meeting, as all the subjects discussed suggest ways in which the library should reach out to all classes of people and methods of extending and broadening its work and encouraging the best reading. Reports of practical experiments along the line of clubs for children and young people will be given. The subject of county extension is one that is arousing much interest in our state at this time, and the success which has attended the plan in counties where it is already in operation has encouraged many other library boards to consider the plan. The paper on the story hour suggests one of the most important ways of arousing the interest of children in the best reading. This paper will be followed by readings of the Uncle Remus stories, and it is expected that the children themselves will be present to hear this number. Miss Gladstone tells these stories in an inimitable way, and her audience may look forward to a real treat. The program committee has been most fortunate in securing President Northrop to give the address at the public meeting. President Northrop needs no recommendation, as he is well known to all residents of Minnesota as a speaker who is always ready, and has something interesting and forceful to say. Aside from his general interest in educational matters, President Northrop has long been connected with library affairs, as a member of the library board of Minneapolis, and as a member of the Public Library Commission.

The Red Wing Library Board is making a special effort to make the meeting a success, and the social features will be emphasized.

An informal reception at the library will be given after the first session, and at 4 o'clock on Friday the local committee has

arranged for a visit to the various points of interest in Red Wing. The city is very picturesquely situated on the bluffs of the Mississippi, commanding charming views of the river, and the committee has promised to have perfect October weather to add to the pleasure of the meeting.

The program is short, so that ample time is given for promoting acquaintance and the individual interchange of ideas, which is perhaps of more value than formal discussions.

Trustees are especially urged to attend the meeting. The discussion by trustees on Library Administration which was held last year was one of the most profitable sessions which the association has ever known. It is only by an intelligent understanding of the library needs that trustees can fulfill the duties of their office, and the broad lines on which the program is planned should be full of inspiration, as well as practical suggestions.

Exhibits of library supplies and picture bulletins will be a feature of the meeting, and the Library Commission will have a collection of children's books and a miniature standard library to illustrate the paper on book selection.

Library work in Minnesota has had a marked growth within the last year, and this meeting should be the largest and most helpful which has yet been held in the state.

THE "STANDARD LIBRARY."

At the meeting of the A. L. A. conference in 1897, Mr. W. E. Foster of Providence, outlined a plan for developing and strengthening the influence of the public library in the direction of true literature. The central feature of the plan was the establishment of a "standard library"—a collection of books representative of the world's "literature of power," as distinguished from the "literature of knowledge." This collection is intended for library use only, but is duplicated for circulation; it is quite distinct from the general mass of the library, nor is it a "reference" collection—for that must necessarily include the "literature of knowledge"; it is, in a measure, a departmental library of the books that time has proved.

The plan was carried out in the Providence Public Library, and the open shelves of other large libraries have carried out the same idea in a somewhat different way.

There seems to be no reason why the plan could not be adopted in the small libraries also. Most of these now have entirely free access to the shelves, but a corner might well be set apart for a small collection of this kind. The following list of books should be found in any library of 1,000 volumes.

Miniature Standard Library.

Selected by Mrs. S. C. Fairchild and Class of 1904, N. Y. State Library School.

Books and Reading: Counsel upon the Reading of Books.

Harrison—Choice of Books.

Ethics:

Marcus Aurelius—Meditations.
Ruskin—Sesame and Lilies.
Hamerton—Intellectual Life.
Roosevelt—Strenuous Life.
Wagner—Simple Life.
Curtis—Ars Recta Vivendi.
Keller—Optimism.

Religion:

Modern Reader's Bible—Job.
Modern Reader's Bible—Isaiah.
Modern Reader's Bible—John.
Thomas à Kempis—Imitation of Christ.
Amiel—Journal.
Drummond—Greatest Thing in the World.
Brooks—Light of the World.
Mabie—Life of the Spirit.
James—Varieties of Religious Experience.

Sociology:

Bryce—American Commonwealth.
Flynt—Tramping with Tramps.

Science:

Darwin—Origin of Species.
Maeterlinck—Life of the Bee.

Fine Arts:

Morris—Hopes and Fears for Art.

Literature:

Homer—Iliad.
Homer—Odyssey.
Goethe—Faust.
Malory—Morte D'Arthur.
Lamb—Essays of Elia.
Stevenson—Essays.
Arnold—Sweetness and Light.
Janvier—Embassy to Provence.
Brown—Rab and His Friends.
Emerson—Essays, 1st Series.
Lowell—My Study Windows.

Drama and Poetry:

Shakespeare—Complete Works.
Palgrave—Golden Treasury.
Wiggin & Smith—Golden Numbers.
Lucas—Open Road.
Omar Khayyám—Rubáiyát.
Browning—Complete Poems.
Kipling—Seven Seas.
Phillips—Paolo and Francesca.

Fiction:

Hugo—Les Misérables.
Blackmore—Lorna Doone.
Kipling—Jungle Books.
Meredith—The Egoist.
Mulock—John Halifax, Gentleman.
Gaskell—Cranford.
Kipling—Day's Work.
Grahame—Golden Age.
Curtis—Prue and I.
Hale—Man Without a Country.
Dunne—Observations by Mr. Dooley.

Travel:

Nansen—Farthest North.
Fraser—Letters from Japan.

Biography:

Carlyle—On Heroes, Hero Worship and the Heroic in History.
Boswell—Life of Johnson.
Lockhart—Memoirs of Sir Walter Scott.
Pepys—Diary.
Brooks—Life and Letters, by A. V. G. Allen.
Mackail—Life of William Morris.
Stevenson—Letters to His Family and Friends.
Genung—Stevenson's Attitude to Life.
Green—Letters, Edited by L. Stephen.
Huxley—Life and Letters.
Keller—Story of My Life.
Washington—Up From Slavery.
Riis—Making of an American.
Lawrence—Roger Wolcott.

History:

Gibbon—Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.
Bryce—Holy Roman Empire.
Carlyle—French Revolution.
Green—Short History of the English People.
Parkman—Montcalm and Wolfe.
Fiske—American Revolution.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LIBRARY TRAINING.

The sixth annual session of the Summer School for Library Training was held at the University June 19 to July 27, 1905. There were 14 students in attendance, whose names are given below.

The course was under the direction of the Librarian of the Commission, who gave the instruction in cataloging, classification and general organization of a library. Miss Maude van Buren, librarian of the Owatonna Public Library, gave the lectures on Reference Work and Children's Work; Mrs. Karen M. Jacobson, assistant librarian of the Commission, gave the lectures in bibliography and book selection, and Miss Ina Firkins of the University Library gave the lectures on Public Documents.

By special arrangement, the students were admitted to Miss Sanford's lectures in literary criticism, which were found extremely interesting and stimulating. In addition to the lectures and practical work, the class visited a number of libraries in the immediate neighborhood. Perhaps the most interesting of these outings was the day spent at Stillwater and Hudson. Stillwater is a delightful twenty-mile trip across country by trolley, and the class was most hospitably entertained by Mrs. McPherson, the librarian, and Mrs. McClure, the president of the board. After inspecting every nook and corner of the attractive building, and admiring the view from the terrace, dinner was served at the hotel. In the afternoon the party were driven over to Hudson, Wis., where an informal reception was given. This library was of especial interest to the class, since the majority of its members were preparing for work in libraries of similar size. The libra-

rian, Miss Florence Wing, had a very interesting collection of picture bulletins on exhibition. Another pleasant afternoon was spent in the St. Paul Public Library, where the children's room was the special point of interest. The office of the Commission and the beautiful new Capitol building were also visited, after which the majority of the class had a picnic supper at Indian Mounds.

The students had the use of one of the Fraternity houses during the session, where informal social evenings were much enjoyed, and this opportunity of becoming acquainted added much to the interest and enthusiasm of the class.

The following is a list of students:

Mrs. Orra C. Bland, Anoka Public Library.
Miss Mattie E. Dunagan, Virginia Public Library.

Miss Louise M. Fernald, Redwood Falls Public Library.

Miss Eleanor J. Gladstone, Carleton College Library, Northfield.

Mrs. Lillian C. Goodenow, St. Paul.

Mrs. Elizabeth Huntley, Grand Rapids Public Library.

Mrs. Ingeborg Jerde, Madison Public Library.

Miss Amy Z. Pratt, Litchfield Public Library.

Miss Blanche E. Seger, Winnebago City Public Library.

Miss Minnie Shannon, Milbank (S. D.) Carnegie Library.

Mrs. Emma G. Sibley, Worthington Public Library.

Miss Agnes Skundberg, librarian State Manual Training School, Ellendale, N. D.

Mrs. Emma R. Sweet, Blue Earth Public Library.

Miss Cora E. Tanner, Little Falls Public Library.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the American Library Association in Portland, Ore., was an undoubted success. In spite of the unusual distance from the chief library centers, there was an attendance of 350, representing the several parts of the country, and the several branches of the profession. The conference was planned especially for the recognition and representation of library interests of the Northwest and the Pacific slope, and in this particular it was distinctly successful. The small libraries of the western states were well represented, and the

subjects of traveling libraries, library commissions, children's work, and the administration of a small library, received special attention. Minnesota was represented on the program by Miss Gratia Countryman, librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library, who presented a paper on "Traveling Libraries as a first step in library development," and also spoke at the meeting of the State Library Commissions Section, on "Limitations of commission work." Other representatives from Minnesota in attendance at the conference were Misses Davis, Patten and Todd from the Minneapolis Public Library, and Miss Elizabeth Selden of Duluth.

The post-conference tours offered various inducements, including Alaska, the Yellowstone, and the Canadian Pacific, so that several different parties of delegates passed through St. Paul and Minneapolis on their return to the East. The librarians of these cities who were unable to attend the conference were grateful for these glimpses of the A. L. A., and endeavored to show them a few of the attractions of the Twin Cities, ending the day on two different occasions with a visit to the new capitol, and dinner in the Capitol Café. At these informal gatherings it was unanimously voted that the conference should meet in Minnesota in 1908.

AIDS FOR LIBRARIANS.

Cataloging for Small Libraries. A. L. A. tract No. 7 is a very useful little pamphlet by Theresa Hitchler, superintendent of cataloging in Brooklyn Public Library. The subject is Cataloging for small libraries, and it contains general principles and practical application, a chapter on arrangement with illustrations, a bibliography of the most essential reference books for catalogers, a most useful list of bibliographical and typographical terms, and 87 sample cards. Its clearness, simplicity and common sense make this book a most useful manual for the untrained librarian who is undertaking cataloging.

In the matter of full names, we would not recommend that Miss Hitchler's advice be followed, as full names seem desirable, even in a small library, especially when Library of Congress cards are used. The tract may be obtained from the A. L. A. Publishing Board, 10½ Beacon St., Boston, Mass., for 15 cents, or will be sent by the Commission upon application.

A Village Library in Massachusetts. A. L. A. tract No. 8 is the story of the upbuilding of a village library in Massachusetts, by Mary Anna Tarbell. This is a very stimulating account of the struggles of a library with limited means and many disadvantages, and is full of valuable suggestions. The price is 5 cents from the same address as the above.

Goop Poster. Miss Hewins' "Goop" verse, published in the Library Journal for April, has been printed on heavy green cover paper, 11x14 inches, for posting. This verse has become very popular among the children's librarians, and will not only please but remind the children how to care for the books. The price is 15 cents, post paid from the Democrat Printing Company, Madison, Wis. The Commission will have a quantity of these for sale at the Red Wing meeting of the Minnesota Library Association.

Book-marks. The Democrat Printing Company has also printed the well-known Maxon book-mark on red paper in attractive style, and these can be obtained at \$2.50 per 1,000.

A Children's Library. The commission has obtained a quantity of the very excellent graded list compiled by May H. Prentice and Effie L. Power, instructors in the Cleveland Normal School, and can furnish the list to any one applying for it at 10 cents a copy. The list is the result of actual experience, and is well annotated. It will be useful not only in book selection, but in making lists for children and teachers. Every librarian in Minnesota should send to the Commission for a copy.

Home Libraries and Reading Clubs. The annotated catalog of books used in the home libraries and reading clubs, conducted by the children's department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburg, is one of the most valuable aids to work with children which has yet appeared. The list is arranged by subjects under such headings as Books for younger children, including picture books; Books for children beginning to read; Animal stories, etc. Under Books for boys are listed stories grouped under such headings as Athletics, Careers of danger and daring, Indian stories, Sea stories, Treasure hunting and Pirate stories, etc. The Books for girls include novels for older girls, popular and standard, school stories, etc. The list is annotated, and will be a mine of wealth for librarians and teachers, offering innu-

merable suggestions for reading lists. The price is 25 cents from the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, or from the Commission.

Magazine Indexes. The five-year cumulation of the Reader's Guide, published by the H. W. Wilson Co., Minneapolis, is now issued, and libraries which have subscribed for this will welcome its appearance. The index has been compiled with great accuracy, and indexes more than 5,000 magazines and nearly 75,000 articles in the magazines. With such a tool at hand, the bound magazines for the last five years become invaluable in reference work. The book is edited by Miss Anna L. Guthrie, formerly of the University Library, and in editorship and printing is a credit to our state.

The first supplement to the abridged edition of Poole's Index, covering the contents of thirty-seven periodicals, during the years 1900-1904, is now published. It comprises 260 pages, and sells for \$5. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. are the publishers.

BOOKS FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

The Commission has started a clearing-house for duplicate books as well as magazines, and the following are now listed with them:

REFERENCE BOOKS.

American Reference Library.....	6v.
Century Dictionary.....	6v.
Harper's Cyclopedia of U. S. History....	2v.
Library of Standard Literature; Edited by A. R. Spofford.....	10v.
Lübke's History of Art.....	2v.
Orations from Homer to McKinley.....	25v.
Reed's Modern Eloquence.....	10v.
Standard Dictionary.....	4v.
Warner Library.....	30v.

BOUND MAGAZINES.

Century	v. 26.	May-Oct., 1883.
Scribner	v. 4.	May-Oct., 1872.
Scribner	v. 6.	May-Oct., 1873.
Scribner	v. 7.	Nov., '73-Apr., '74.
Scribner	v. 8.	May-Oct., 1874.
Scribner	v. 12.	May-Oct., 1876.
Scribner	v. 16.	May-Oct., 1878.

POPULAR BOOKS.

Addams—Democracy and Social Ethics.....	.40
Bok—Successward25
Drysdale—Fast Mail.....	.50
Drysdale—Helps for Ambitious Boys.....	.50
Evans—Sailor's Log.....	.50
Howells—Literary Friends and Acquaintances75
Sparks—Men Who Made the Nation.....	.50
Washington—Character Building.....	.50

NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES.

Aitkin. The public library, which was established and is maintained by subscriptions and annual membership fees, will within a year be made a free institution, and the property, which has cost several hundred dollars, will belong to the public. The coun-

cil has made an annual tax levy of \$250 for library purposes, which will be available next year. Members of the library board have served as librarians without pay, and will probably continue to do so until the tax levy is available.

Alexandria. The additional \$2,000 received from Mr. Carnegie has been expended in completing the building according to the original plans. This provides for shelving around the walls in the reading-room and children's room, and the finishing of the basement rooms. The basement is well above ground, and admits of a large and well-lighted assembly or lecture room, which occupies the east end of the building. In the west wing is a room to be used for museum purposes. The library, which contains between five thousand and six thousand well-selected volumes, is being organized under the direction of the Commission.

Austin. The long list of donations recently received by the Carnegie library is proof that it occupies an important place in the interests of young and old. Consul James W. Davidson has presented a fine collection of curios from Greenland, Japan and China, for which three wall-cases have been provided in the reading-room. Books have been received from a number of individuals as well as a set of Grove's Musical Dictionary from the Ladies' Musical. One juvenile patron has given a set of Raphael Tuck's cards for the children's room, and the Senior class of the High School has presented a handsome wrought iron lamp to be placed over the entrance. The Library Entertainment Association is arranging for a course of unusually fine lectures and concerts. An exhibit of drawings by pupils of Minneapolis public schools loaned to the library during the summer school session attracted much attention.

Benson. A public reading-room has been opened in the building next to the City Hall. One hundred books have been loaned by the Public Library Commission.

Crookston. A site for the Carnegie library has been decided upon, directly adjoining the city park, condemnation proceedings are now in operation, and it is hoped that the foundation may be laid this fall. The library association has turned over the books, together with an indebtedness of \$1,500, to the new library board.

Faribault. Miss Le Crone, the librarian, gave a talk to club members and others

interested in home study upon the use of the card catalog and Poole's index.

Hector. The school library of two thousand volumes has been opened to the public. The school board proposes to allow outsiders the free use of fiction and such other books as are not needed for reference by the school. Miss Martin, the assistant principal, will be librarian, and books may be procured on Monday and Friday after school hours.

Howard Lake. The library, which has been established by the Library and Improvement Club, has had a very promising growth in the first few months of its existence. Funds have been raised by entertainments and subscriptions, and several hundred books have been purchased. The library is entirely free to the public.

Hutchinson. W. B. Hopper has offered to loan a fine collection of birds to the library, and a case will be provided by the board. Arrangements for the usual lecture course are being completed.

Jackson. The Woman's Club has given a series of weekly entertainments through the summer to raise money for the library.

Kimball. A public meeting, in the interests of the library, was held the last of June. The librarian of the commission spoke on some of the benefits of a library.

Le Sueur. The Monday Club has started a library which is free to all in town and country. During the first three months of its existence the circulation amounted to 375. The library contains 314 books, and is open on two afternoons each week.

Litchfield. The Woman's Literary Club has presented to the library a number of volumes on English literature and history. The club purchases a number of books each year for its own use, and at the close of the year's work they are given to the library.

Little Falls. At a recent meeting of the library board a motion was carried allowing residents of the independent school district, living outside the city limits, to take books from the library without charge. This is a move in the right direction.

Mapleton. The village council refused the gift of \$5,000 from Andrew Carnegie for a library building. On the whole this seems to be a wise decision, as an annual income of \$500 would hardly be sufficient to support such a building. The council has given the library the use of their room in the town

hall, and will raise enough funds to have the library opened two days and two evenings each week. Miss Mary Lewis, who has rendered such faithful service to the library since its opening, was married in June to the Rev. Mr. Brown of Belgrade, near Mankato, and Miss Ella Quinn has been elected to succeed her.

Minneapolis. A number of changes in the library staff have recently taken place. Miss Jessie McMillan was married in August to Dr. W. J. Marcle of Rutland, Mass., and Miss Katharine Patten, formerly head of the Art Department, has been appointed assistant librarian to succeed Miss McMillan. Miss Marie Todd has succeeded Miss Patten in charge of the Art Department, and Miss Lucas, a graduate of the Illinois Library School, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the Cataloging Department caused by Miss Todd's promotion. Miss Blanche Seeley, a graduate of the Illinois Library School, has also been appointed assistant in the Cataloging Department, in place of Miss Clara Lynskey, who was married in April to Mr. Walter Smith of Minneapolis. Mr. Richard Lavell, who has just completed the library course at Western Reserve University, has been appointed librarian at the Pillsbury library on the East Side.—George W. Peavey has presented to the Athenaeum a set of Calendars of state papers of England. The set is of great value to students of history, consisting of 262 volumes of historical papers and letters preserved in the British Museum and public record office of England.—The work on the children's room in the new wing is to be started at once.

Morris. The new Carnegie building was dedicated September 15th. The books of the Public School Library, with the exception of a few books retained for reference, were presented to the public library; the president of the school board, Mr. C. A. Dushek, making an appropriate address. The book shower planned by the Students' Club resulted in an addition of about 100 volumes, chosen from a suggestive list furnished by the club members. These were presented by Mrs. F. A. Hancock, president of the club. Hon. S. S. Flaherty delivered the principal address of the evening on the value of good reading. There were also short addresses by the secretary of the board and the mayor of the city, besides several musical numbers.

Mrs. R. F. Elliot has been re-elected librarian at an increased salary, and the library will be open every afternoon and evening. The library will be organized under the direction of the commission.

Owatonna. An exhibit of oriental rugs will be held at the library. October 5th. Mrs. Mary Beach Langton of St. Paul, author of "How to know oriental rugs," will give a talk on the subject.

Plainview. A library association has been organized, and a room has been secured for the use of the library. For the present, the traveling library furnishes most of the reading matter, but a few other books have been added to this nucleus.

Red Wing. Miss Lucia E. Danforth, who has been librarian for the past year, has returned to her former profession of teaching, and Miss Arabel Martin, who has been librarian at Redwood Falls, has been appointed to succeed her. A portrait bust of Rev. J. W. Hancock, presented to the library by E. D. Brooks of Minneapolis, was unveiled on the evening of September 23d, with appropriate speeches by several of the early settlers of the city. This event was also made a public reception to Miss Martin. New shelving has been added to the children's room, which will be a great improvement. The children's books have heretofore been placed at one end of the main stack, and more attention to their needs was necessary.

Redwood Falls. Miss Arabel Martin, who has inaugurated the work at Redwood Falls so successfully, was elected to fill the larger position at Red Wing, and Miss Louise Fernald, who has just taken the course at the Minnesota Summer School for Library Training, was elected to succeed her. Miss Fernald has had unusual opportunities of travel and education, and adds to this enthusiasm for her work, which will ensure the continuance of the good work inaugurated by Miss Martin.—A fine collection of Minnesota birds and shells, belonging to Dr. C. P. Gibson, has been loaned to the library for an indefinite time.

Robbinsdale. A lawn social was given for the benefit of the library in June, and about \$20 was raised.

Rochester. Miss Julia Rupp has resigned her position to enter the library school of Pratt Institute. Miss Rupp has demonstrated her fitness for library work by her excellent record in the Rochester library, and her departure is a matter of regret to her

library friends in the state as well as to the people of Rochester. The Rochester board are most fortunate in securing as her successor Miss Margaret Palmer, a graduate of Pratt Institute Library School. Miss Palmer was formerly librarian of the public library at Lincoln, Neb., and has had practical experience as well as thorough training. The Commission is glad to welcome another trained librarian to the work in Minnesota.

St. Cloud. The latest gift of the Reading Room Society is now in place on the library walls. It consists of four Arundel prints, which are excellent colored reproductions of the old masters, and a photogravure of the celebrated oil painting of the Charter Oak.

St. Paul. The branches established at Midway and on Payne avenue have proved so successful that the library board has decided to open two more, one in St. Anthony Park and another on the West Side.

Stillwater. The Stillwater library has received a bequest of \$10,000 from Mrs. Sarah A. Murdock for the founding of the Hollis R. Murdock memorial fund. Mrs. Murdock was one of the organizers of the Stillwater library, was a member of the library board until her death, and for several years its president. This board is composed entirely of women, who have worked together with entire harmony and sincere devotion to the interests of the library. Mrs. Murdock's death will be deeply felt by the librarian and her co-workers on the board. The library has also received a gift of the "Young People's Library" from Mrs. Harriet S. Jenks as a memorial to her husband; and Mrs. Helen M. Torinus has presented seventy-six bound volumes of valuable magazines, including forty-five early volumes of Harpers. Another very acceptable gift is the flag presented by the Louis Miller Circle No. 15, Ladies of the G. A. R. The flag is a large, handsome one, and will be a great addition to the beautiful site which the library occupies. The grounds have been terraced and walks laid the past summer, which gives a fit setting to the building.

Wayzata. In February last a large, cheerful room was rented in the new town hall through the kindness of Mrs. E. C. Gale, a meeting was called, and a library association was organized. Books have been contributed, and a play was given, the proceeds of which were used to purchase periodicals. The reading-room is well patronized, and a traveling library has been secured.